

February 4, 2025

To: House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water

Re: HB3173 – A Bill to Establish Oregon Flora in Statute

Dear Committee members,

I am writing to strongly support HB 3173, which will provide sustainable funding for OregonFlora. OregonFlora provides easily accessible, curated, accurate information about the plants of Oregon that is broadly applicable. There is no other organization that provides this service and it is freely shared.

Native plants of Oregon are diverse, interesting and the underpinning of a healthy ecosystem. The welfare of all Oregonians is linked to the natural world. A basic understanding of native plant species is necessary for wise land management, particularly as natural areas are increasingly threatened.

OregonFlora is now supported entirely by donations and it's continued operation will depend on long term and sustainable funding. Please support HB3173. It's important.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Myers', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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